

### **REMARKS**

The Advisory Action mailed June 27, 2006 indicated that the request for reconsideration filed June 12, 2006 had been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance. However, the Advisory Action did not indicate whether the previous Amendment was entered.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for filing with an RCE (entering the previous Amendment that cancelled claims 9 and 11), and is further responsive to the Final Office Action.

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 5, 10, and 12 are amended. No new matter is presented in any of the foregoing and, accordingly, approval and entry of the amended claims are respectfully requested. Claims 5-8, 10, and 12 are pending.

### **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Claim 5 is amended herein to recite a computer system for mediating between at least one user terminal, at least one manufacturer terminal and at least one insurer terminal via a network, including "an insurance request part which sends request data for insurance on said products to the insurer terminal, wherein the request data for insurance includes product data specified by a user terminal from purchase information stored in said first computer storage and data, related to the product data, stored in said second computer storage." Claims 10 and 12 are similarly amended.

Support for the amendments is found, for example, on page 12, lines 6-32 of the specification. No new matter is presented in any of the foregoing and, accordingly, approval and entry of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

### **CLAIMS PATENTABLE DISTINGUISH OVER THE PREVIOUSLY CITED ART**

In item 8b of the Final Office Action, entitled Response To Arguments, the Examiner contended:

the claim language does not clearly recite that the data in the two storage parts are complementary or that data lacking in one source is supplemented by data in the other.

Applicant submits that the claim language, as amended, clearly recites that data in both storages are complementary.

Claim 5, as amended herein recites a computer system for mediating between at least one user terminal, at least one manufacturer terminal and at least one insurer terminal via a network, said system including (1) a first computer storage part in which purchase information related to products possessed by at least one user is stored; (2) a second computer storage part

in which at least an identifier of a product and guarantee information related to said product are stored for each product available from said at least one manufacturer; and (3) an insurance request part which sends request data for insurance on said products to the insurer terminal, wherein the request data for insurance includes (a) product data specified by a user terminal from purchase information stored in said first computer storage and (b) data, related to the product data, stored in said second computer storage (emphasis added)." Claims 10 and 12 have similar recitations.

Applicant submits that recited features are not taught by any combination of the previously cited art. For example, claim 5 recites a system for mediating between at least one user terminal and at least one manufacturer terminal and at least one insurer terminal including:

(1) "purchase information related to products possessed . . . is stored;" and

(2) "an identifier of a product and guarantee information related to said product are stored for each product available from said at least one manufacturer;" and

(3) data for insurance on said products is requested.

Further, the request data for insurance includes

(a) "product data specified by a user terminal from purchase information stored in said first computer storage;" and

(b) "data, related to the product data, stored in said second computer storage." Claims 10 and 12 have similar recitations.

### **No Motivation To Combine The Previously Cited Art**

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicates "the applicant's specification must be the ultimate authority in providing full meaning of terms." However, Applicant points out that the phrase "data mining" is not used in the applicant's specification.

Rather, in the previous Action, the Examiner introduced the term "data mining" and contended it would have been obvious to modify Joao (U.S.P. 6,347,302) with the teaching of Solomon et al (U.S.P. 6,847,935):

to capture a more exhaustive list of information, providing a greater opportunity for data mining. . . and to allow the information in the one source to "verify" the information in the second source.

(Emphasis added, Previous Action at page 4).

In the previous Amendment, the Applicant provided a definition of "data mining" as understood in the art to point out that as understood by one of ordinary skill in the art "data mining" would not have been used as a motivation for modifying a system for specific

comparison of guarantee and product information and insurance quotes.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF DRAWINGS REQUESTED

In item 2 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings and contended that the "drawing (FIG. 1) received on 12/15/05 . . . should be resubmitted and labeled as a 'Replacement Sheet.' " (Action at page 2).

In the previous Amendment, Applicant pointed out to the Examiner that the Amendment filed December 15, 2005 included a FIG. 1 sheet correctly labeled as a "Replacement Sheet" (in addition to the "Annotated Sheet"). Further, the USPTO Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system Image File Wrapper correctly reflects the same.

A copy of the USPTO PAIR printout showing that FIG. 1 was correctly labeled as "Replacement Sheet," as filed was attached, for the convenience of the Examiner, to the previous Amendment.

The Advisory Action did not indicate that the objection to the drawings was withdrawn based on the Examiner having considered the request for reconsideration.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner indicate that drawings are accepted.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application, the claims allowed and the drawings accepted.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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